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REMARKS

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1. At 7:30 p.m. on 19 March 1954, a shipment of 11 boxcars, 8 M 122-mm field howitzers, 1 field kitchen, 1 sedan, 28 trucks and 4 rocket launchers passed through the Satskorn railroad station, coming from Luckenwalde and proceeding toward Neuruppin. 1

2. At 4 p.m. on 22 March, a shipment of 12 T-34/35 tanks, 1 T-34 tank without turret, 3 armored personnel carriers, 2 armored scout cars, 2 field kitchens about 20 trucks, including some of the [redacted] and 18 boxcars passed through the Oranienburg railroad station, coming from the south and proceeding northward. 2

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3. During the night on 22 March, 2 empty trains were made available in Camp Schunke, Sperenberg. The trains were to be loaded and dispatched on 24 March. 3

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4. At 12:30 p.m. on 23 March, a train carrying about 15 trucks, 1 field kitchen, 1 jeep and 1 sedan; and including 7 boxcars left Bernau toward Eberswalde. About 15 to 20 van-like trucks, including some with trailer, [redacted] 1 field kitchen and 1 jeep were seen on the loading street. A train carrying about 35 to 40 tank trucks, [redacted] was seen ready to leave at the Bernau railroad station. 4

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5. Between 10 p.m. on 21 March and 0:15 a.m. on 22 March, about 20 trucks, [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted] carrying beams, 1 ambulance, 1 field kitchen, and 8 M-3 armored personnel carriers were detrained at the Schoeneweide railroad station and left toward Karlshorst. 5

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. On 19 March, trains [redacted] went from Luckenwalde to Neustrelitz with artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which returned from advanced combat practice firing. 25X1B

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25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] belong in the area of the Fourth Gds Mech Army. As, on 22 March, 9 troop trains were loaded in Bernau and dispatched to the Neustrelitz-Mirow area, it is possible that individual shipments proceeded via Oranienburg.

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25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The empty trains probably were to carry elements of the 2d Gds AB Div returning to Wustrow. Train [redacted] was scheduled to leave on 22 March.

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25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 6th Gds Mech Div leaving for exercises.

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